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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: CENTO

SUBJECT: DRAFT EVENING READING ITEM ON CENTO

FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED ITEM AS REQUESTED:

THE ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OF THE CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS COMPLETED TODAY PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH THE MEETING WILL END OFFICIALLY TOMORROW. THE CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS WERE MORE CANDID THIS YEAR THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN SOME PAST MEETINGS. THE IRANIAN AND PAKISTANI MINISTERS DWELT ON THEIR CONCERN OVER SOVIET STRATEGIC INTENTIONS IN THE REGION. THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND ON TURKEY'S NEED FOR THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN HELP. THE SECRETARY HAD A CHANCE TO CONVEY OUR OWN POSITION IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE OTHER MINISTERS AS WELL AS IN THE FORMAL DISCUSSIONS. THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED TOMORROW WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS AND THE HORN OF AFRICA WHICH REFLECT THE U.S. VIEWPOINT.

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